



July 13, 2020

Frederick County Sustainability Commission  
Meeting Minutes



The meeting was held via WebEx.

Present: John Ferri, Chair; Elizabeth Law, Vice-Chair; Jennifer Bird, Secretary; Kevin Sellner, Bill Steigelman, Ron Kaltenbaugh (PT), Faith Klareich, Mark Sankey

Kai Hagen, County Council Liaison

OSER staff: Shannon Moore, Dawn Ashbacher

Emilee Blackburn: County Web Moderator

Guests/Public: None

Virtual Meeting Overview – Moderator: Emilee Blackburn

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Betty Law and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair noted that the meeting agenda would be reordered to facilitate process.

Approval of Minutes

Betty Law asked for any discussion on February's open and closed meeting minutes. Bill Steigelman motioned for the February open meeting minutes to be approved, Mark Sankey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously without comment. Bill motioned for the February closed meeting minutes to be approved, Ron Kaltenbaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously without comment.

Commissioner Reappointment – Chair

- Mark Sankey
- John favor made a motion to recommend reappointment of Mark. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PY21 Board of Directors – Chair

- Chair – Betty Law
- Vice-Chair – Faith Klareich
- Secretary – Mark Sankey
- John moved for slate of directors to be approved. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- Commission thanked the outgoing Directors for their efforts.
- Note that Mark's approval is pending re-appointment by the County Executive and Council.

#### Presentation: County Climate Change Presentation – Shannon Moore

- Overview of climate actions previously executed by the County
- Actions address GHG emissions and related issues
- Initiatives include coordination with County divisions and regionally with MWCOG
- Plans for future actions included the County Comprehensive Energy Plan, FY 2020-2023
- Entire presentation is available at link, (this works best if cut and pasted into a search bar)  
<https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/11724>

#### Livable Frederick Advisory Group Updates

- Sugarloaf Mountain Regional Plan – Dawn Ashbacher
  - Direct representation by the commission no longer planned
  - Dawn will coordinate a presentation to the FCSC by the planners for the fall of 2020
- 355 Corridor – Faith Klareich
  - Covid has disrupted progress
  - Faith will follow up on status

#### Commissioner Interest

- Jenn Bird and husband have purchased their first electric car
- Faith desires to better understand and facilitate commission connection with public and government
- Mark asked about procedure for issuing meeting minutes. They will be issued in PDF format
- Kevin summarized latest Monocacy River Report.
  - Primary source of nutrient load is agriculture
  - Nutrient level decreases due to improved performance of waste water treatment
- Dawn commented on continuing work of following program and efforts via OSER:
  - Power Saver Retrofit
  - PACE
  - Interaction with other national and international entities
  - Energy efficient building strategies
- Recommendation to add consideration of Covid impact and building design strategy along with implications for low income demographic to future meeting agenda
- Kai commented on interconnection of social, environmental and economic issues and concerns. These relate to climate and energy.

Public Comment

2 minute limit per person

No public attendance or comments.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:40 AM.